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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 09/977,127	Applicant(s) PILLAI ET AL.	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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**DETAILED ACTION*****Species Election***

1. Upon review of the instant case, the application was deemed to contain claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. Election from the following species is required. Note: applicant must elect *one* species from *each* subgroup below. Claim 1 is generic.

Subgroup 1: Species of reaction (e.g., see claims 1, 2)

Applicant must elect, for the purposes of search, a single species of reaction e.g., Heck, Stille, Suzuki.

Subgroup 2: Species of Org<sup>1</sup>X (e.g., see claim 1)

Applicant must elect for purposes of search a single species of Org<sup>1</sup>X. Furthermore, applicant must show *all* atoms and bonds that are necessary to define said compound. Applicant should NOT use general notations like R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, X, etc. when defining the structure because these labels represent more than one chemical group and thus more than one compound would be erroneously elected.

Subgroup 3: Species of H-Olefin if present (e.g., see claim 1)

Applicant must elect for purposes of search a single species of H-Olefin. Furthermore, applicant must show *all* atoms and bonds that are necessary to define said compound. Applicant should NOT use general notations like R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, X, etc. when defining the structure because these labels represent more than one chemical group and thus more than one compound would be erroneously elected.

Subgroup 4: Species of Org<sup>1</sup>-Olefin if present (e.g., see claim 1)

Applicant must elect for purposes of search a single species of Org<sup>1</sup>-Olefin. Furthermore, applicant must show *all* atoms and bonds that are necessary to define said compound. Applicant should NOT use general notations like R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, X, etc. when defining the structure because these labels represent more than one chemical group and thus more than one compound would be erroneously elected.

Subgroup 5: Species of R<sup>1</sup><sub>3</sub>Sn-Org<sup>2</sup> if present (e.g., see claim 1)

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Applicant must elect for purposes of search a *single species* of  $R^1_3Sn-Org^2$ . Furthermore, applicant must show *all* atoms and bonds that are necessary to define said compound. Applicant should NOT use general notations like  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , X, etc. when defining the structure because these labels represent more than one chemical group and thus more than one compound would be erroneously elected.

Subgroup 6: Species of  $Org^1-Org^2$  if present (e.g., see claim 1)

Applicant must elect for purposes of search a *single species* of  $Org^1-Org^2$ . Furthermore, applicant must show *all* atoms and bonds that are necessary to define said compound. Applicant should NOT use general notations like  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , X, etc. when defining the structure because these labels represent more than one chemical group and thus more than one compound would be erroneously elected.

Subgroup 7: Species of  $R^2_2B-Org^3$  if present (e.g., see claim 1)

Applicant must elect for purposes of search a *single species* of  $R^2_2B-Org^3$ . Furthermore, applicant must show *all* atoms and bonds that are necessary to define said compound. Applicant should NOT use general notations like  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , X, etc. when defining the structure because these labels represent more than one chemical group and thus more than one compound would be erroneously elected.

Subgroup 8: Species of reaction type (e.g., see claims 3,4)

Applicant must elect, for the purposes of search, a *single species* of reaction e.g., solution, solid-phase.

Subgroup 9: Species of linker if present (e.g., see claim 1)

Applicant must elect for purposes of search a *single species* of linker. Furthermore, applicant must show *all* atoms and bonds that are necessary to define said linker. Applicant should NOT use general notations like  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , X, etc. when defining the structure because these labels represent more than one chemical group and thus more than one compound would be erroneously elected.

Subgroup 10: Species of process (e.g., see claim 7)

Applicant must elect, for the purposes of search, a *single species* of reaction e.g., combinatorial, non-combinatorial.

Subgroup 11: Species of microwave energy (e.g., see claim 8)

Applicant must elect, for the purposes of search, a *single species* of reaction e.g., standing wave.

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Subgroup 12: Species of microwave energy duration (e.g., see claim 10)

Applicant must elect, for the purposes of search, a single species of reaction e.g., 2 minutes.

2. **Please Note:** Applicants must disclose which claims read on the elected species (see paragraphs 6 and 7 below).
3. The species are distinct, each from the other, because their structures and modes of action are different. They would also differ in their reactivity and the starting materials from which they are made. For different species of method, the method steps for each species would differ. Moreover, the above species can be separately classified. Consequently, the species have different issues regarding patentability and represent patentably distinct subject matter. Therefore, this does create an undue search burden, and election for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
4. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.
5. Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance if the

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examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

6. Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement *must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.* An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered *nonresponsive* unless accompanied by an election.

7. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, *applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species.* MPEP § 809.02(a).

8. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.43). Because the above restriction/election requirement is complex, a telephone call to applicants to request an oral election was not made. See MPEP § 812.01.

9. Applicant is reminded that upon cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the

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application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

10. Applicant is also reminded that a 1 – month (not less than 30 days) shortened statutory period will be set for response when a written requirement is made without an action on the merits. This period may be extended under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Such action will not be an “action on the merits” for purposes of the second action final program, see MPEP 809.02(a).

### *Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jon D Epperson whose telephone number is (571) 272-0808. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on (571) 272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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